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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Tom Nowatzke.

Whereas, Born on September 30, 1942, in LaPorte County, Tom Nowatzke is a hometown hero and a legendary football player;

Whereas, At the request of Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer, the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety approved the placement of an honorary street sign on Wabash Street between May Avenue and Pytynia Parkway as a permanent reminder of these accomplishments;

Whereas, Tom grew up on the family's 180 acre potato farm 10 miles outside of Michigan City and attended Elston High School;

Whereas, A three-way threat at Indiana University playing running back, linebacker, and placekicker, Tom was named the 1963 Indiana University's Most Valuable Player, while leading the Hoosiers in rushing and scoring an Indiana University record 73 points;

Whereas, The first round pick of the NFL's Detroit Lions and the AFL's New York Jets in the 1965 pro football drafts, Tom played five seasons with the Lions before being traded to the Baltimore Colts in 1970;

Whereas, Always a hero to Colts fans everywhere, Tom was the Colts' leading rusher in Super Bowl V and scored the game-tying touchdown helping the Colts defeat the Dallas

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Whereas, Tom was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and the Indiana University Athletics Hall of Fame;

Whereas, Tom Nowatzke is also the subject of a documentary entitled "Running Strong: The Tom Nowatzke Story" produced by Emmy-nominated Stunt3 Multimedia that is to be distributed to every middle school, high school, and public library in Indiana;

Whereas, Tom Nowatzke lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and continues to run his own business - Nowatzke Truck & Trailer, Inc./NRT Leasing, LCC in Whitmore Lake; and

Whereas, Outstanding athletic accomplishments such as these deserve special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Tom Nowatzke on his outstanding football career, thanks him for the hours of enjoyment he gave to Hoosier football fanatics everywhere, and wishes him continued success in all his endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Tom Nowatzke and his family.

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